

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 5, 2015**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held the Annual Reorganization meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Cuneo called the meeting to order and read the STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT" P.L 1975 CHAPTER 231, notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press, Riverside Signal and Berkeley Times and posted on the bulletin board of the Pine Beach Municipal Building and the Pine Beach Post Office. This statement shall become a part of the official minutes of the meeting.

The first business of the new year was the swearing in of Council members by Mayor Cuneo:

**Susan Coletti, 3 year term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017
Richard Polhemus, 3 year term 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017**

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus,
Mr. Wieck
Absent: Mr. Budesca

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Polhemus.

Mayor Cuneo offered a Moment of Silence, with special remembrance for recently deceased residents George Durcanin, Margaret Gilhooly and Joseph Matthews

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. Polhemus nominated Mr. Wieck to serve as Council President for 2015 and Mr. Abatemarco seconded.

Mr. Polhemus stated that he has served as Council President for the past several years and that Mr. Wieck has a lot of talent and will serve Council well.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesca

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Cuneo proudly swore in the following:

Reece Fisher as Chief of Police
Ryan Morris as Police Officer
Jason York as Sergeant

Mayor Cuneo remarked that Pine Beach has entered into an agreement for shared services of the Police Chief with Ocean Gate. This has been well received by the police chief's association. Both Pine Beach and Ocean Gate's officers were present for the swearing in of the chief, new sergeant and new police officer.

Ryan Morris has been a special police officer for the Borough and has done very well and he will now be a full time officer. We will now have two Sergeants in the Pine Beach ranks.

Sergeant York thanked the Mayor and Council for his appointment as Sergeant. He promised to work hard and thanked all who came out to support him and his future.

With the Permission of Council Mayor Cuneo presents the following resolutions as a matter of consent: Resolutions 15-02 through 15-05; 15-08 through 15-10, and 15-12

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Resolution 15-02, Naming official Depositories
- Resolution 15-03, Naming Mayor, Municipal Clerk, Council President and Chief Financial Officer to sign checks
- Resolution 15-04, Naming the Asbury Park Press, Riverside Signal and Berkeley Times as official newspapers
- Resolution 15-05, Regular Council and Work Meeting Dates
- Resolution 15-08, Tax Assessor named as agent for taxing district
- Resolution 15-09, Tax Collection Rate of Interest
- Resolution 15-10, Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to write petty cash checks
- Resolution 15-12, Authorizing CMFO to issue checks for landfill and post office

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Abatemarco with a second by Mr. Wieck.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesá

RESOLUTIONS WITH RECORDED VOTE:

- Resolution 15-01, Professional Appointments
- 1A: Municipal Attorney, Michael McKenna of Hiering, Gannon and McKenna
- 1B: Municipal Auditor, Warren Korecky, of Suplee, Clooney & Co.
- 1C: Municipal Engineer, John J. Mallon, of T & M Associates
- 1D: Public Defenders, Justin Shearer and Donna Connoshenti
- 1E: Bond Counsel, McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann
- 1F: Municipal Prosecutor, Steven A. Zabarsky, Christopher J. Grenda, Matthew J. Dorry, Robert A. Greitz, and Robert Zavistoski of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky
- 1G: Alternate Prosecutor, Bonnie Peterson,
- 1H: Affordable Housing/COAH, Michael Jedziniak

A motion to approve the Professional Services appointments was made by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budes

Resolution 15-06, Temporary Operating Budget for 2015 was approved following a motion by Mr. Abatemarco and a second by Mr. Polhemus.

Mayor Cuneo stated that this temporary operating budget will enable the Borough to continue to function until the 2015 budget is passed.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budes

Resolution 15-07, Appointments by Mayor

Deputy Municipal Clerk	Thea Kratochvil
Payroll Clerk	Mary Jane Steib
Utility Superintendent	Michael Sedlak
Deputy Court Administrator	Leslie Kirchgessner
Public Agency Compliance	
Affirmative Action	Charlene Carney
Adult School Crossing Guards	Joseph Mancini
	Rose Wieck
	Lynn Bressman
Zoning Officer (1 yr)	John Tilton

A motion to approve Mayor Cuneo's appointments was made by Mrs. Coletti and seconded by Mr. Newman.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck with an abstention from voting for Rose Wieck as school crossing guard.

Absent, Mr. Budes

Resolution 15-11, Authorizing Municipal Clerk to apply for a Tourism Promotional Grant in the amount of \$500.00 was approved following a motion by Mr. Abatemarco and a second by Mr. Newman.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus
Abstain, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budes

Resolution 15-13, Authorizing the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with Ocean County for road, engineering, and vehicle services was moved by Mr. Polhemus and seconded by Ms. Coletti.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus
Abstain, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

Resolution 15-14, Authorizing Mayor Cuneo to sign a water interconnection agreement with Beachwood Borough was approved following a motion by Mr. Wieck and Mrs. Coletti provided a second.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

Resolution 15-15, Authorizing the Mayor to sign a shared services agreement with Ocean County for Prosecutors Program traffic safety initiative was moved by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mr. Polhemus.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus
Abstain, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

Resolution 15-16, Naming Richard Polhemus as Community Development Block Grant representative and Charlene Carney as alternate was approved following a motion by Mr. Abatemarco and seconded by Mrs. Coletti

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO LAND USE BOARD

Class II Employee	Charlene Carney	1 year term (1/15 – 12/15)
Class IV Citizen	Patricia Wnek	4 year term (1/15-12/18)
	Scott Slickers	4 year term (1/15-12/18)
	Robert VanZile	2 year alternate (1/15-12/16)

Mr. Wieck made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Land Use Board and Mr. Polhemus provided a second.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

David McKeon	3 year term (1/15-12/17)
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Environmental Commission Liaison: Councilwoman Coletti

Mayor Cuneo commented on the great job Mr. McKeon has done on the Environmental Commission and that Mrs. Coletti has been a devoted liaison.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO LAND USE BOARD:

Class III Council member Councilman Robert Budesa 1 year term

Mr. Polhemus made a motion to appointment Councilman Budesa as the class III board member which was seconded by Mr. Abatemarco.

Roll Call: Yes, Mr. Abatemarco, Mrs. Coletti, Mr. Newman, Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Wieck
Absent, Mr. Budesa

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: no appointment at this time for the Alternate (2 years) 1 position open

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. McCabe, 822 Huntington Ave., expressed her concerns about the way the animal control officer handled a situation she had with a lost cat. She stated that her cat got out and she was looking for it, she called the police three times and was in touch with the animal control officer and was told by the ACO that no cat had been picked up. She spent nearly a month looking for the cat, and has recently found out that the cat was deceased the first day it got out. She would have liked to know when it happened, and would like to know where the remains are. Mayor Cuneo will look into the matter; he explained that we have had a contract with Berkeley Animal Control for a number of years. Police Chief Fisher was present and stated that he would speak to the Animal Control officer and get back to Mrs. McCabe. Mr. Polhemus asked if the cat had identification. Mrs. McCabe explained that it had a collar with her name on it but it was found in the yard. She did call the animal control officer and he did not let her know that he had picked up a deceased cat in Pine Beach near her home.

Mr. Rohan, 823 Prospect Ave., congratulated Mayor Cuneo on the business and appointments for the reorganization meeting. Mr. Rohan also thanked Mr. Polhemus for the hard work he has done as Council President and congratulated Mr. Wieck for taking over the Council President position. He is confident that Mr. Wieck will do a good job and is happy with the council. The Pine Beach Police Department is a professional group yet they retain their humanity.

Mrs. Savoy would have liked to be introduced to all the Ocean Gate and Pine Beach police officers who were present earlier.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Abatemarco wished all a Happy New Year and congratulated the reelected Council members for their return, the new Police Chief, new police officer and new Sergeant. He looks forward to working with the department.

Mrs. Coletti thanked all for their support, it's a pleasure to work with this council. Pine Beach is the Jewel of the River.

Mr. Polhemus thanked everyone for their vote of confidence. He will continue to work for the best for the borough. The Admiral Farragut Point dock and walkway is a great accomplishment. It's been a labor of love to make our town a little bit better.

Mr. Newman commented that this was his first year on council, and it was a productive year. There were many improvements in town and we're moving forward with more plans.

Mr. Wieck reminded everyone that its snow season and he met with public works and they are ready for snow. He suggested people remove basketball nets from along the road so the trash truck or snow plow can get through. Also, he reminded everyone that in case of snow cars must be removed from the roadway.

The waterfront has changed this year, the new docks and pavilion are beautiful. He reminded people to take the time pick up litter along the roadway as they walk. Mr. Wieck thanked everyone for having the confidence in him to name him Council President and he will work hard and keep in touch with the residents.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo thanked the Ocean Gate Council President for coming to our Reorganization Meeting; he appreciates the cooperation we've had with Ocean Gate this year.

Mayor Cuneo reminded everyone to be careful this winter; the weather can make the roads slippery.

The Mayor commented about the youth sports programs, to support the young athletes; they are the true amateur athletes.

We've accomplished a lot this year, but it doesn't mean we're done. We are doing whatever we can to make the town safe and affordable.

There was a very negative letter from the PBA last month, with inaccurate information concerning the Police Department. We have a shared service agreement with Ocean Gate to share the Police Chief and have added a full time officer and promoted a second officer to Sergeant within our department. Our concern is for the residents. Chief Fisher is a Pine Beach resident. We are the second town in New Jersey to use shared services for the administration of the police department.

Mayor Cuneo wished all a Happy New Year and good health for 2015.

There was no further business to discuss at the Reorganization meeting, and it was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Abatamarco and a second by Mrs. Coletti. All were in favor.

